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Regional Service Council Minutes Region #12

Meeting Date: April 13, 2015
Meeting Location: Fayette County DCS Conference Room
Meeting Chair: Kelly Owens
Meeting Secretary: Myrna Baldwin

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Kelly Owens, DCS Regional Manager; Kathy Hobson and Hannah Robinson, Fayette County DCS; Bill Ammerman, Rush County DCS; Judge Beth Butsch, Fayette County Circuit Court; Kelly Broyles, Wayne County DCS; Judge Brian Hill, Rush Superior Court; and Judge Mary Willis, Henry County Circuit Court.

Council Members Absent: Karen Bowen, Wayne County CASA; Catherine McNamara, Union County DCS and Mark Munchel, Fayette County DCS.

Others In Attendance: Bob Daugherty, DCS Regional Finance Manager; Marla Steele and Jennifer Young, Hope Center/Cradles; Jennifer Landis, Lifeline; Kay Peyton, Family Services and Prevention Programs; Carl Scheib, Children's Bureau; Dorene Hayes, Fayette County DCS; and Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome, Introductions and New Members

- a) Meeting agenda distributed, introductions made.
- b) Dorene Hayes, Fayette County DCS, serving as proxy for Mark Munchel.



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II. Presentation of QSR Results

Owens presented a Power Point presentation detailing the various statistics from the review. She explained the QSR (Quality Service Review) is a two (2) year internal review. For the fourth round interviews, 24 cases were pulled at random, 23 of which were reviewed and one dropped due to DCS being unable to locate the parents. Thirteen CHINS, six Informal Adjustment and four assessments were pulled with 180 interviews conducted, averaging 8 interviews per case. The evaluation is based on the DCS practice model, Teaming, Engaging, Assessing, Planning and Interviewing (TEAPI). The scoring is based on a 1-6 scale with 4-6 being refine/maintain; and 1-3 being concerted action needed. The presentation was reviewed with time allowed for questions/concerns/comments by those present.

Owens stated one of the goals of the QSR is to provide measurable outcomes for specific attainable goals. A committee will be formed to identify a plan of action. Owens added Region 12 DCS is stressing the need of staff retention, quality Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTM), and just getting back to the basics.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Hannah Robinson moved to approve the minutes from the January 2015, meeting. Kathy Hobson seconded the motion which was passed with no opposing votes. Minutes approved.

IV. Community Partners for Child Safety:

The *Community Partners for Child Safety* report was distributed. Carl Scheib reporting:

- First quarter referrals total 208;
- Material relief funds noted;
- Outcomes- Continuing to meet/exceed all outcomes;
- Upcoming Events- flyers distributed:
 - April 29, 2015- “Working with Families When Substance Abuse is an Issue” There is still time to register.
 - May 13, 2015- “ABC’s to Drug Awareness and Home Safety” Detective Todd Wellmann speaker.
 - April is Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention month.
Activity schedule:
04/09/15, 6:00pm- Wayne County
04/14/15, 6:30pm- Franklin/Union Counties at Franklin County
04/16/15, 6:00pm- Henry County
04/20/15, 6:00pm- Fayette County
04/22/15, 3:00pm- Rush County



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V. Regional Coordinator Report:

Owens reported Kara Casavan, who was the Regional Coordinator is no longer working in that capacity. Micci Frye will be returning as the Region 12 Coordinator but was unable to attend today's meeting.

VI. Prevention Dollars for FY2015:

Owens distributed a handout containing the Region 12 Prevention Allocation Recommendations which include:

- \$15,000 Family Services and Prevention- ROCKs- Substance Abuse Prevention program serving Fayette and Rush Counties
- \$15,000 Cradles- Positive Parenting, serving Henry County
- \$15,000 Diplomas- Positive Parenting, serving Wayne County
- \$7,000 Stayin' Alive-Family Fun Day- Substance Abuse Prevention, serving Franklin County
- \$5,000 Prevention Child Abuse/regional workshops- Substance Abuse Prevention/Positive Parenting, serving all Region 12 counties
- \$7,000 HOPE Pregnancy- Positive Parenting, serving Fayette County
- \$7,000 PEACE- Substance Abuse Prevention, serving Fayette and Wayne Counties
- \$30,931 Material Relief, serving all Region 12 counties
- \$125,000 CPCS Operations
- \$5,400 CBI Admin

After discussion, Bill Ammerman moved to accept the projected allocations as written with Hannah Robinson and Kelly Broyles seconding. The motion passes with no opposing votes.

VII. Regional Financial Manager Report:

Daugherty distributed the *Family and Children Services Financial Status Report-Region 12, State Fiscal Year 2014-2015, Cumulative for March 2015*. Daugherty reported the allocated budget for Region 12 is \$8,844,405. Year to date expenditures: DCS \$7,570,443 or 86% of the budget; Probation \$3,329,160 or 82% of the budget. Daugherty noted the Region should be at 75% of the budget. Discussion was had as to the reasoning for being over budget. It was noted that institution care is up with more CHINS in institutional care. This led to a discussion as to the lack of qualified providers in Region 12 who will conduct psychological evaluations, provide recommendations and be willing to testify in court if needed.

Judge Willis noted that we are seeing younger children with severe mental health needs. Owens stated that a Request for Proposal (RFP) is open for this service and the money aspect of it doesn't appear to be a barrier, it's the qualifications.

VIII. Public Comment:

Owens reported that Kaarin Lueck is the new Juvenile Magistrate in Wayne County.



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Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on July 13, 2015, at 3:30pm, at the Fayette County Local DCS Office.

Meeting Adjourned:

Hannah Robinson moved to adjourn with Bill Ammerman seconding. The motion passed with no opposing votes. Meeting adjourned at 4:28 P.M.



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